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"Guardianship of the Negro"

Editor The Advance:—

President Taft says: "The Negro ought to come and is coming more and more under the guardianship of the South." President Taft is a lawyer and has been a judge and ought to know the meaning of the terms he uses and the significance which they suggest. Webster gives this definition of "Guardian"—"one who has, or is entitled to, the custody of the person or property of an infant, a minor or a person incapable of managing his own affairs." The question arises is the Negro under such guardianship, and, if he is, "ought" he so to be? Where does "the South" (whatever that may be) get title to such guardianship? By the constitution of the United States there are no guardians and no wards in the South or anywhere else in this country, but all are citizens entitled "to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," without respect "to race, color or previous condition of servitude." It is the business and the duty of one who lives anywhere in this republic to see to it that every privilege is granted anyone living anywhere else in the land to prepare him for excellence in citizenship.

Who is this "South" that has the guardianship of American citizens? Is it the white people of the South? Is it not about time we ceased speaking of the South as including only the white citizens of the South? There are eight million colored people in that so-called South. In some States the colored inhabitants are in large majority. What about them? Are they not a constituent element in the South? For half a century

they have taken care of themselves and have made no trouble to the government of the country. They are a peaceable element now. Why should not the people of the whole nation take and manifest an interest in the removal from them of every vestige of the degradation of slavery? Why not all have the enthusiasm of Armstrong and Roy and Julius Rosenwald? —The Advance.

NO SCHOOLS FOR COLORED CHILDREN

The Savannah Tribune, a colored paper, says: "The opening of the public schools last Monday presented the same pitiable sight for Negro children as has been the case for years. Hundreds of them who were clamoring for cards of admittance on last Saturday, but were turned down on account of lack of accommodations, besieged the schools on Monday morning, early, hoping by some mere turn of fortune to be squeezed in on opening day. But the few seats that were to be filled by the incoming children were given out on the day of the issuance of entrance cards and they were sent away, the most of them to idly roam the streets and fall prey to the evil influences of the city. How sad it is that year after year passes and still no greater school facilities are provided for the little black boys and girls. They increase numerically at about the same rate as do the white children and the latter are provided with a new school every five or six years, but

the former, those who are fortunate enough to get accommodations, must be packed into the lower grades like so many sardines in a box; in fact, in some rooms as many as four to the ordinary two-seat bench."

THE LATE BISHOP HANDY

Rt. Rev. James Anderson Handy, D. D., a retired bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church, died at Baltimore. James Anderson Handy was born December 22, 1826, and was the first son of Ishmael and Nancy Handy. In the winter of 1833 young Handy went to school for three months, and with the exception of the Sunday school that was all the schooling he ever had. In the course of life he occupied every position in the Sunday school from pupil to superintendent and in the church every position from layman to bishop.

In 1892 the General Conference, which met in Philadelphia, elected him bishop, along with Benjamin F. Lee and Moses B. Salter. The General Conference which met in Norfolk, Va., May 1908, placed him on the retired list.

Bishop Handy's death increases the number of vacancies on the Episcopal bench of the African Methodist Church and makes much speculation as to the action of the General Conference next May. Probably four or five new bishops will be elected to rule over the 750,000 members of that church.

Mercantile Company with Capital of \$250,000 to Be Established

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Chicago women evidently have followed closely the results of those experts who have investigated the high cost of living and with feminine progressiveness are going to undertake remedial action. Leading women thinkers and workers have organized the Women's Mercantile company with a capital of \$250,000 and are going into business to eliminate the middleman. The new corporation began its life today and the women back of it expect to have the support of 500,000 purchasers.

The women believe they have solved the high price problem by the simple device of opening a big "discount" store. Books similar to trading stamp books are to be distributed among grocers, butchers, theaters and every business house patronized by women.

Stamps to Represent Discount.

The stamps are different from the regular trading stamp, however. They will represent a stated purchasing value at the "discount" store, where the holders may buy anything purchasable. Each stamp may be used at any time the buyer wishes to spend it.

At a meeting of the promoters, held in the corporations office, 1644 Unity building, in the afternoon, it was explained that everything sold at the women's store would be sold at the closest margin possible. Women will be employed exclusively.

The women behind the plan are: Mrs. Francis Shaw, Mrs. Josephine Hoffmeyer, Mrs. Lena Coleman, Mrs. Mary I. Engler, Countess de Langlade, Mrs. Gertrude M. Seehausen and Miss Mary E. Miller.

"This store will occupy a downtown location," said Miss Miller, "and will begin its career with 30,000 square feet of bargains. The capital stock will be \$250,000, or 5,000 shares at \$50 a share. Three thousand shares will be sold for cash and the other 2,000 will be disposed of to women who need aid at \$5 cash and the rest in discount checks."

Talks on Beauty or how to improve our Personal Appearance Martha Renall

CREATING IDEALS

Mothers whose children have few marks of beauty and adults who are likewise deficient I would advise to spend more time and money on securing ideas that will build ideals, which will in time produce what you desire. To commence, look often on things that are beautiful, beginning with works of art; a painting, a statue, a fine piece of furniture or any thing with a harmonious blending of color. Don't merely glance at it but think of how, when, where and WHY produced, you will find a most interesting line of thought, many questions will come and you will have to strive to answer them satisfactorily to yourself. This will cause you to think and every face that shows its owner thinks has an attraction. As you look and study you will realize first an idea of your own and the picture to be produced will follow. This work of the mind is correctly speaking—imagination—it is the creative power that forms our ideals and forms every part of the world's progress—to all "civilization is but the realization of man's ideals." A noted painter being praised for the completion of a masterpiece said: "Oh but you should see the picture here—" pointing to his head, "but its a long way from head to hand." It is so with us but we must strive over and over again to bring forth the picture.

Every well dressed woman has been able first to picture herself a certain way and then has sought the things that would produce that effect. But we often see pictures that do not harmonize with their settings; in such a case the woman has forgotten to build the picture around herself as the central figure. She has taken someone else's ideas and picture and

tried to make them fit in her frame. There can be no permanent beauty of form without beauty of thought. We have all seen or known people whose wretched thinking and false manner of living had hardened their features. We all know charming people whose faces are beautiful although their features are not regular. So working upon these ideas let us look forward to building a higher physical standard.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. J. Goodman Braye, the dealer in gems has removed to 175 N. Spring St. Those in search of holiday presents to send friends, will do well to call upon him, rooms 21 and 23.

The Prentice New Idea store has removed from 1308 to 1314 East 9th. The change was made to get more room. Mrs. Prentice, the proprietress is doing a splendid business and has one of the neatest best assorted stock of millinery goods in the city.

Mr. H. C. Wheat who has been North looking after big jobs of decorating returned to the city to vote. He will leave soon for Ariz.

The Wendell Phillips Centenary Celebration was well attended. Judge York delivered an excellent address. The whole program was in keeping with the occasion. The honor of being toastmaster was conferred upon the editor of this

journal, but to his regret he could not be present.

The Federated Ladies Clubs held an important meeting at the First A. M. E. Church on Thursday. Much business was transacted and elaborate plans were laid for future work.

WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

The Annual sermon of Elks was preached by Rev. E. W. Kenchin at Wesley Chapel last Sunday. A large audience turned out to welcome the order.

After a short, interesting sermon by Dr. Kenchin, Mr. G. W. Chevis read an excellent paper. The paper was too long, but was otherwise well received.

The Thanksgiving dinner was a success. \$125 was the amount given the church by the ladies in charge of the dinner.

A patriotic service will be held at the church next Sunday evening. The Stanton Post of the G. A. R. will present the members with an American flag. All members of the G. A. R. and Spanish War Veterans are invited to attend in a body.

The family of Mr. W. V. Howard, leader of the Wesley Chapel choir, arrived Saturday from Ohio. Mrs. Howard and her six, bright looking children enjoyed their long trip and are somewhat a loss to understand how one coming from the snow and ice of winter to a land of sunshine and flowers in the same country. They are at home and happy amid roses and geraniums at 1650 East 28th St.

The Western Baptist a neat, well gotten up paper is on our exchange list. The Western Baptist has a good field and ought to succeed. There is no reason why it should not have a thousand circulation to begin with. Lieut. Williams, editor, is well known and popular. He is a Spanish War Veteran and deserves well of the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell of East 33rd Street entertained a small company on Thursday last with a delightful card party.

Mr. Bernard Gray won the gentleman's first prize, a shaving mug. Miss Leona Johnson, the ladies first prize, a china tea cup and saucer, Mr. J. A. Malanda, the gentleman's booby prize, a snow man, Mrs. Bertha Jackson the ladies booby prize, a cloth pear.

Dainty refreshments were served after the game.

Sunday evening last, passed as a memorable one for St. Philips Episcopal Church, the occasion being the instituting of a Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, a lay organization of that church throughout the entire world, with national council quarters in Boston, Mass.

The pretty little church was crowded to the doors with an appreciative audience that witnessed the beautiful and solemn ceremony with elaborate services. Rev. Father Brown of Santa Monica, preached the sermon, Rev. Father Cleghorn read the lessons and received the twenty candidates into the Brotherhood, taking each by the hand and presenting the Brother the hand and presenting the Brotherhood Button, "The St. Andrew's Cross." Mr. G. Frank Shelby, Field Secretary of the Brotherhood made the receiving address, which was followed by a few remarks from M. E. D. Williams from the Local Assembly of the Brotherhood.

After the close of the services the first annual Brotherhood supper was held in the Dawson Cafe where a fine, six course menu was served to twenty one. The banquet table had been beautifully adorned with red carnations in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross and violets and ferns. Ernest Russell, acted as toastmaster and speeches were made by Revs. Father Brown of Santa Monica, Cleghorn, and Mr. G. Frank Shelby, the Field Secretary and Mr. E. D. Williams of the Local Assembly.

The members of the Brotherhood are more than justly proud of the distinction as being the first and only Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew west of the Rocky Mountains, composed of our people.

The first annual election of the Brotherhood was held on Sunday afternoon and resulted in the following being elected. E. H. Russell, formerly of St. Paul's Chapter (white) in Sacramento, Director; J. Thomas Pollock, Vice-Director; Benjamin Jones, Secretary; Albion D. Matthews, Assistant Secretary; Joseph Delaney, Treasurer. The Brotherhood members are A. V. Childress, F. J. Scott, N. White, Ed. Wilkinson, W. W. Hollman, S. E. Edwards, J. A. Gray, B. G. Gray, E. L. Bynum, D. W. Pollock, R. E. John, D. O. Cunningham, C. A. Murdock, G. A. Malanda.

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The re-election of Mayor Alexander and the entire Good Government ticket insures the continuation of present prosperity. With a law making body that is in complete harmony with his administrative policies, backed by the overwhelming endorsement of the people, the mayor is in position to fulfill every pledge and carry forward every reform demanded of his constituents. The aqueduct will be completed, the light and

power plants erected, the construction of the municipal railroad and the completion of the harbor. With these gigantic enterprises in operation the value of real estate will be enhanced and the revenue derived from them will reduce taxation. The municipal railroad and light and power plant by reducing freight and passenger rate and light and fuel, will reduce the cost of living, thereby increasing wages. It is the realization of these things that will cut the sands from beneath the feet of Socialism by increasing the opportunities of working men and women to better their conditions.

The tremendous battle which resulted in the mayor's unprecedented victory was not without cause and his opportunity to relieve the situation by bringing about closer relations between the various classes of the city's population has been greatly increased. In other words, let there be no discrimination between big and little business, let the workingman pay the same proportionate taxes on his cottage that the capitalist pays on his sky scraper. This is a great city whose opportunities to do big things are limited only, by those she in turn gives to every citizen without regard to race, color or condition to develop the best that is in him.

Any attempt to limit the aspirations of a citizens on account of race or condition is to propagate race and class distinction. Socialism does not propagate itself, but is the result of conditions.

McNAMARAS GUILTY

The confession of the McNamaras is a victory for General Otis and vindicates the claim his great paper has made from the beginning that The Times plant had been blown up with dynamite. The McNamara confession lays the whole dastardly intrigue bare. Life imprisonment for the man that blew up The Times building and murdered 21 men is very light punishment to say the least, taking into consideration that under the laws of this

state he may yet gain his freedom by good behavior.

It is a good time now to unearth the dynamiting business and bring all of the conspirators to justice.

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To see scores of men who but recently were expiating on the unfitness of women to vote, vehemently appealing to them to save the city from Harriman, was a sight not soon to be forgotten.

It seems incredible that the Negroes of this city and county are taxed to maintain a nurse training school to which colored girls are not admitted on account of color. The office of supervisor is a valuable one, much sought for position and the number of aspirants for the job will make it easy for Negro voters to name the candidate at the primary election.

Now that the campaign is over many of the colored voters will recover their sanity and settle down to work.

What would have become of "big business" in the Tuesday's election if we "little business" had not bestowed upon Women the right of suffrage?

If it had not been for the women voters, Harriman would be camping on a victorious field with "big business" at his feet. "Big business" is as blind as senseless now as it was when it ruled Rome and Babylon. "Despise not the day of small things."

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According to statement made by the "Secretary and Director" certain white men have ordered all business and professional men to join the so-called Negro Good Government Club so that the "Secretary and Director" can show them how to do politics. Well, the "Secretary and Director" ought to have something to do

The women really wanted to vote and the way they turned out and voted must have greatly embarrassed those pot house philosophers who labored so hard to keep the franchise from being bestowed upon them "because the women do not want the ballot."

ELECT, EUGENE N. FOSS

Victor over Lodge, Taft and Frothingham—Supported and re-elected by race-loyal Colored voters.

The final newspaper report that Gov. E. N. Foss has been re-elected, and by a small margin, was welcome news to thousands of Colored men who had bolted the head of the

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Republican ticket, and to many who voted almost the entire Democratic ticket. The disaffection was due to several causes, the Republican endorsement of Pres. Taft and declaration that Taft was the issue, the presence of Sen. Lodge of Brownsville infamy, as manager behind the scenes, the refusal of the Republican Council to confirm the Governor's Colored appointee who was to be promoted from Messenger to Court Clerk, especially

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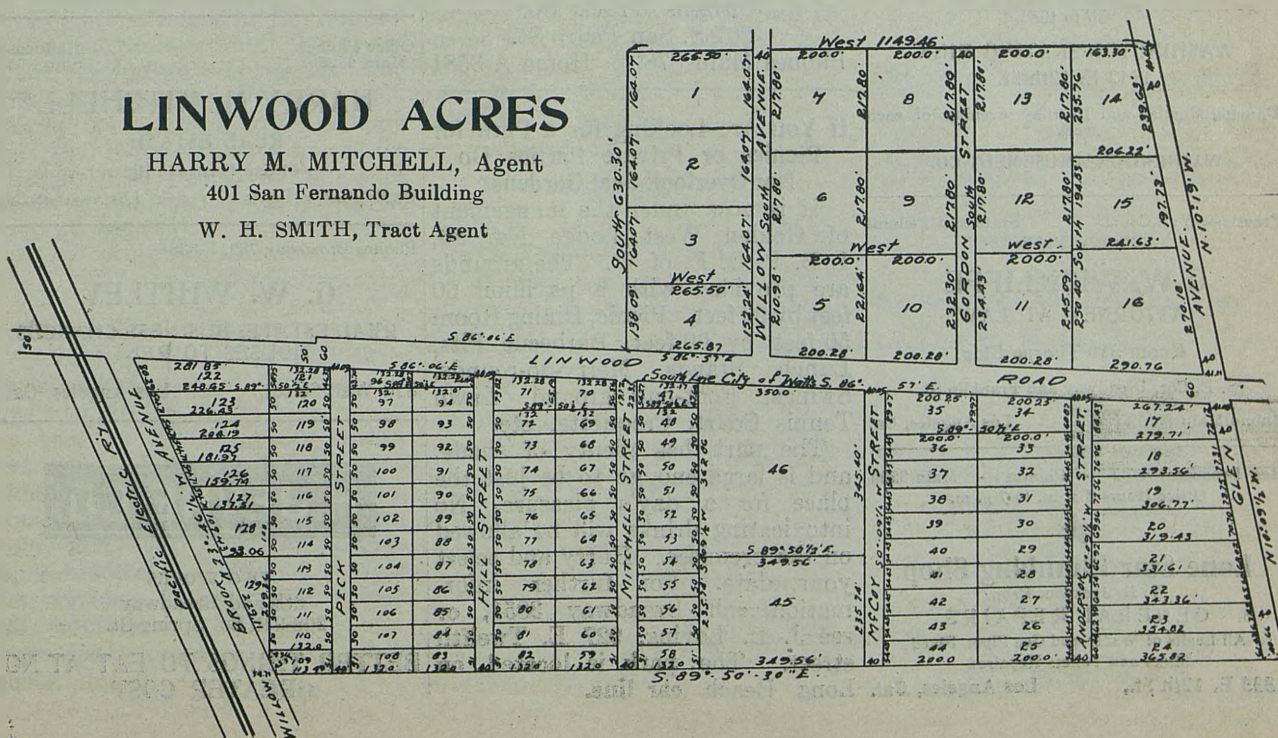
the refusal to give his Colored friends the same hearing the white candidates were given. Gov. Foss was in favor also, for his pardon of the Colored life-prisoner, Wm. E. Hill and other Colored prisoners and for his friendly manner. As there are rising 20,000 Colored votes in the state, and as Foss got a good Colored vote in all Colored districts, it can fairly be said the decision of the Colored vote helped materially to save him from defeat and to retire Lt. Gov. Frothingham. It was a big vindication for W. L. Reed and showed the Colored race wanted him confirmed, which it is reasonable to suppose will now be done. The Independents were indeed happy.

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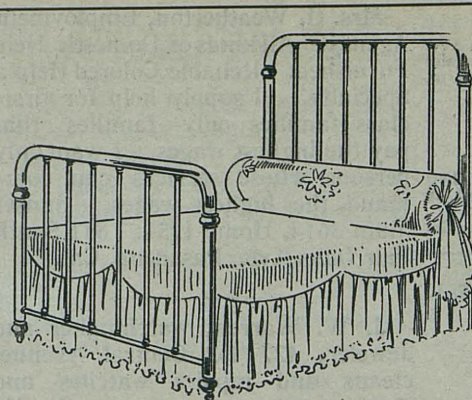
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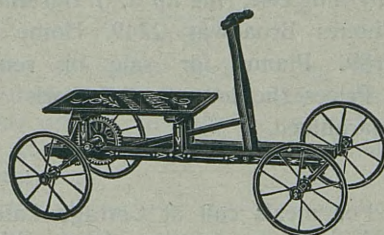
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